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2008 Annual Report

Fort Saskatchewan Public Library



Access • Outreach • Growth



Planning for the Future

2008 was a year of planning for the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library. The Library Board and Staff conducted a community survey, completed a space needs assessment, and created a new Plan of Service for public library services in our community.

More than 400 people took time to tell us what they thought about the Library. While responses were overall very positive, several themes emerged, including the need for more library materials, the need for the Library facility to grow with the community, the need for more programs for all ages, and the need for increased outreach.

The Space Needs Assessment clearly shows what frequent library users have been telling us for some time: that the current Library facility, which has served Fort Saskatchewan well since 1980, has reached its limit and plans for expansion need to be made.

Currently, the Library has 11,395 square feet of space. Indeed, the Library will require approximately 20,000 square feet in order to meet our community's needs as our city's population grows toward 20,000.

The Library Board and Staff considered all of this information carefully as we developed a new vision for Public Library Services in Fort Saskatchewan. We have challenged ourselves:

- ◆ To make our library truly accessible to everyone,
- ◆ To reach out to our community, and
- ◆ To ensure that our Library grows with the community.

For each of these goals, the Library Board and Staff have set out specific actions to take, and these actions will help us make our vision for Public Library Services a reality. For more information, request a copy of the complete Plan of Service from the Library, or visit our website at www.fspl.ca.



Kaylyn Gratz enjoys one of the Library's many early literacy programs.

2008 Highlights



The Landmark Public Access Computer area was created, using a \$20,000 donation from the Landmark Group of Builders. The funds were used to purchase new computers, desks, and chairs. The project increased the number of public computers from 10 to 20. A grand-opening event was held in June.



Premier Stelmach and Mrs. Stelmach toured the Library in August to learn more about Public Library Services in Fort Saskatchewan.



The large print collection was expanded, and a new reading area was created. A series of “You and the Law” programs were also held for seniors, to provide information about legal issues faced by seniors and older adults. The programs were presented in partnership with the Legal Resource Centre, and Strathcona County Library, with funding provided by a Public Library Development Initiative Grant.



Artwork from local elementary students decorated the Children’s Area throughout the school year.

2008 Statistics

- ◆ 149,660 items were borrowed from the Library’s collections
- ◆ 100,218 people visited the Library
- ◆ 29,897 people visited the Library’s website and online catalogue
- ◆ 17,292 sessions used on the Library’s free public access computers
- ◆ 5,245 items were added to the Library’s collections, for a total of 51,335 items at year end
- ◆ 4,831 children, teens, adults and seniors attended free public programs
- ◆ 196 hours of individual computer training was provided, thanks to the financial support of the Community Adult Learning Council of Strathcona County and Fort Saskatchewan



Statement of Revenue & Expense

For the year ended December 31, 2008

Revenue

City of Fort Saskatchewan	\$471,500
Province of Alberta	72,952
Library Card Fees	19,780
Fines and Charges	24,447
Other Grants and Donations	7,382
Other	11,284
Total Revenue	\$607,345

Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$409,248
Books and Library Materials	97,235
Supplies, Equipment and Furnishings	47,697
Operations	36,165
Transfers to Operating & Capital	18,688
Reserves	
Total Expenses	\$607,345

Did You Know?

Library volunteers offer book delivery services to seniors living at Dr. Turner Lodge and Southfort Bend Gardens. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers!